
DIGEST

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Richmond

HB No. 862

Abstract: Establishes a central mental health records registry within the office of mental health of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH).

Proposed law establishes a central mental health records registry within the office of mental health of DHH.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of DHH to direct the mental health records registry. Further allows the secretary to investigate all cases of irregularity in preparation and filing of mental health records.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to provide for the efficient performance of a single adequate system of mental health records for this state. Authorizes the secretary to provide instructions on collecting, transcribing, compiling, analyzing, reporting, and preserving mental health records.

Proposed law provides for the domicile of the mental health records registry in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law only allows the mental health records registry to be accessible to the secretary of DHH, the office of mental health, qualified health care providers, certified first responders, and law enforcement officials.

(Adds R.S. 28:581)